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SUBJ: SOVIET AMBASSADOR'S REMARKS TO NORWEGIAN AMBASSADOR

1. NORWEGIAN AMBASSADOR (RESIDENT IN TEL AVIV) PETTER GRAVER HAS PAID A FAREWELL CALL ON ME. HE IS BEING TRANSFERRED AS AMBASSADOR TO MOSCOW EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY. IN HIS THREE YEARS' ASSIGNMENT TO THE TEL AVIV-NICOSIA JOB, WE HERE HAVE FOUND HIM HIGHLY COMPETENT, ASTUTE AND BALANCED: AN AGREEABLE COLLEAGUE.

2. COMMENTING ON THIS HIS LAST VISIT TO CYPRUS, GRAVER SAID HE SEES VIRTUALLY NO CHANCE OF A SOLUTION. TURKS HAVE DUG IN, ARE UNLIKELY TO GIVE ENOUGH TO PRODUCE A SOLUTION ACCEPTABLE TO ANY GREEK LEADER HERE ON ON THE MAINLAND, AND GREEK CYPRIOTS ARE GROPING THEIR WAY PAINFULLY TOWARD AN ACCOMMODATION TO A NEW REALITY.

3. GRAVER SAID HE HAD HAD ONE DEPARTURE CONVERSATION IN WHICH WE MIGHT BE INTERESTED: WITH SOVIET AMBASSADOR ASTAVIN. ASTAVIN HAD DESCRIBED GREEK CYPRIOTS AS MEDITERRANEAN AND VOLATILE. IN
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THEIR EMOTIONALISM, THEY THOUGHT THEY COULD REDRESS SITUATION

OVERNIGHT. AS "NORTHERN EUROPEANS", RUSSIANS AND NORWEGIANS, WHO HAD BEEN THROUGH LONG PERIODS OF OCCUPATION, COULD UNDERSTAND THAT IT MIGHT TAKE YEARS FOR GREEK CYPRIOTS TO REGAIN ANY PART OF WHAT THEY HAD LOST. ASTAVIN HAD SAID THAT ONLY U.S. AND USSR ACTING TOGETHER COULD SOLVE THE CYPRUS PROBLEM. IN VLADIVOSTOCK, USSR HAD OFFERED TO COOPERATE WITH U.S. BUT HAD BEEN TURNED DOWN. THIS WAS NOT UNDULY TROUBLING. IN THE COURSE OF TIME, U.S. WOULD COME TO APPRECIATE THAT THIS WAS THE ONLY WAY.

4. I THANKED GRAVER FOR PASSING ALONG THIS REPORT AND TOLD HIM THAT U.S. REMAINED OPPOSED TO GIVING THE RUSSIANS ANY LOCUS STAND IN THE CYPRUS PROBLEM.
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